

Conference - Farmers - 1925.

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Country Life Association, American.



## CONFERENCE AT TUSKEGEE INST

### County Well Represented At Farm Meet

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### o Farm Meet To Be Held Soon

RN, ALA., Feb. 5.—(Special).—  
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by leading farmers, school teach-  
ministers, among whom were T.  
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las county; R. T. Pollard, Pro-  
W. H. Dinkins and G. T. Stocks,  
a university; President E. C. Mit-  
Payne university; E. D. Hildreth,  
wens and Richard Ellis, of Selma  
ty; Rev. J. C. White, pastor of

the Congregational church; W. L. Walker,  
Julia Doyd, S. P. Perry, Octavia Wilson,  
N. L. Ware and others.

President Pollard announces that the  
features of the meeting will be addresses  
by state and county expert agents; lead-  
ing county school teachers represented  
by Professor R. B. Hudson, and address-  
es on home economics by leading women  
workers.

Prizes will be given, according to Pres-  
ident Pollard, to best exhibits of farm  
products. An expert from Auburn will be  
present to give out information on soil and  
fertilizers.

It will be expected to hear reports from  
some 50 beat agents in the county and ac-  
curate information on crops and schools  
in the county will be given out.

The officers of the organization are: R.  
T. Pollard, president; T. J. Kynette, vice-  
president; N. L. Ware, recording secre-  
tary; D. V. Jemison, treasurer; A. F.  
Owens, reporter; W. H. Dinkins, statis-  
tician.

## NEGRO AGENTS IN CONFERENCE

### Farm and Home Leaders of 22 Counties Open Session Wednesday.

The negro farm and home demonstra-  
tion agents from 22 Alabama counties  
opened their annual conference Wednes-  
day morning at the Montgomery colored  
state normal school. This conference  
was authorized by Prof. L. N. Duncan,  
director of the Alabama Extension Ser-  
vice, headquarters at Auburn. Southern  
agriculture insofar as the negro is con-  
cerned, has undergone an almost radical  
change in the past few years caused,  
first, by the ravages of the Mexican  
cotton boll weevil and more recently by  
the unprecedented "negro migration" to  
the north.

At the present time there is a verit-  
table "war" between southern agriculture  
and southern and the northern industry,  
both bidding in a large degree for negro  
labor. It is felt that the main chances  
that agriculture has in this contest is  
through a more comfortable, profitable  
and satisfying home life for the negro  
farmer—those who occupy the lands of  
he south as tenants and land-owners—  
and a more adequate system of educa-  
tion for negro children both in rural dis-  
tricts and the larger negro institutions  
of learning in the southern states.

The conference of agricultural agents  
will run through Wednesday and Thurs-  
day. The entire time will be devoted to  
perfecting a more definite program of  
farm and home development among

negroes of Alabama. Dr. G. W. Tren-  
m, president of the colored state nor-  
school, has placed every available  
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ma's most grave problems  
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## MEETING OF NEGRO FARMERS IS CALLED

### Seventh Annual Session An- nounced by President; to Assemble Tuesday

SELMA, ALA., Feb. 5.—Special to  
The Advertiser.—A meeting of the Dal-  
las county negro farmers and workers  
in the seventh annual session has been  
announced by Thomas Robert Pollard,  
president of the organization and also  
president of the Selma university for  
negroes.

The conference will assemble at the  
University Friday with an all-day ses-  
sion, and many prominent speakers  
from over the state will address the  
farmers, teachers and religious rep-  
resentatives of the race on matters of  
vital importance.

Experts from Auburn will meet with  
the conference to give information re-  
garding the use of fertilizers and other  
valuable points on farming. Reports  
will be heard from all beat agents in  
Dallas county, also reports from home  
demonstration work being carried on  
in the schools.

Dr. Charles Francis Meserve, presi-  
dent emeritus of Shaw University  
has gone to Alabama to attend the  
annual Tuskegee Conference, which  
was established by Booker T. Wash-  
ington over thirty years ago. Dr.  
Meserve was present at the second  
conference and has missed only a  
few since.

Willie Bohannon, of the Third dis-  
trict, one of Coweta's thriftiest colored  
farmers, attended the Colored Farmers'  
Annual Conference at Tuskegee Insti-  
tute, Tuskegee, Ala., last week. He  
says the message he was requested by  
the conference to bring to the farmers  
of his race in Coweta county was as  
follows: 1. Raise corn, meat and pota-  
toes sufficient for home use. 2. Have  
one good milk cow. 3. Raise some  
poultry. 4. Plant no more cotton than  
can be cultivated without neglecting

food crops. Bohannon says that color-  
ed farmers from all over the South at-  
tended the conference.

## Negroes To Hold Farm Revival September 7

In order to encourage the planting  
of cover crops and the raising of  
more food and feed, the negroes of  
Warren County are to hold a Farm-  
er's revival at Wortham's grove at  
12 o'clock on September 7. Z. H.  
Hyman, negro farm agent for War-  
ren County, is working to bring out  
the crowd and has provided the pro-  
gram.

"The club boys, girls, their par-  
ents and friends are invited to the  
county-wide picnic," Hyman has  
written the colored farmers. "We  
shall have agricultural lectures, de-  
monstrations, games and rural sports  
of all kinds. Every club member in  
the county should be present. Ask  
your parents and friends to bring  
big, full baskets, watermelons, fruits,  
ice, lemons, ice cream, etc. Urge  
the children to bring their balls, bats  
and other paraphernalia for games.  
After the program and reports of the  
work being done by various clubs, we  
want to have a real good time."



# FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE HOLDS FARMERS MEET

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 23 (By A. N. P.) Better schools, better homes, and better farms constituted the principal subjects discussed at the annual Farmers' Conference which closed here Wednesday night at the Florida A. and M. College.

The conference adopted resolutions urging the farmers to hold the farm lands which they already own; to produce more foodstuff and to rotate and diversify their crops.

In welcoming the farmers to the college, President J. B. E. Lee, pointed out to them that the school was put there for their benefit and to serve them, and as such was always willing to cooperate with the farmers in improving their condition. He urged the farmers to see that their children attended school so that they would not grow up in ignorance. Speaking of farming, Mr. Lee said that the number of farms in actual use throughout the United States had decreased in the last five years by more than 75,000. According to the president, this should not be and would not be if the farmers would farm six days a week instead of five as is the custom.

Other features of the session were addresses by farmers, led by H. H. Williams, champion sweet-potatoe grower, and an address by J. L. Smith, cotton specialist, at the University of Florida.



## GA. STATE COLLEGE PREPARES FOR FARMERS.

The Georgia State Industrial College is making great preparation for the Farmer's Conference which will be held February 12 and 13. The agricultural faculty composed of Prof. E. A. Williams, State Agent for Negro Work, Prof. A. Tabor, Itinerant Teacher-Trainer in agriculture, Prof. P. H. Stone, State Pig-Club Agent, Prof. J. S. Frazier of the Dairy Department, Prof. J. W. Derrick, superintendent of the farm, Prof. H. E. Hall, vocational agriculture teacher, Prof. B. S. Adams, Chatham County Demonstration Agent and Miss Camilla Weems, District Home Demonstration Agent, has met with President Wiley and outlined a splendid program.

"Selling the Cow, the Hog and the Hen Program to the Negro" and "Better Health and Sanitation" will be the major subjects for discussion. Interspersed will be renditions musical by the club women of Chatham county and by the quartettes and glee clubs of the Georgia State Industrial College. Many livewire speakers also will feature the program.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COLORED FARMERS IN FORT VALLEY SUCCESS

The farmer's conference that closed here Friday was in many respects one of the most helpful and inspiring conferences that ever has been held here by the colored farmers of this section. From all over this county and from adjoining counties

the farmers and club members came this year. The health talk given by Richardson, head of Veterinary to the conference bringing with them Miss Susan Mathews was especially helpful. She emphasized the fact that their exhibits of home cured meat, canned products, butter, eggs and everyone should eat more fruits and vegetables and should drink more milk, at least one pine a day. Prof. E. A. Williams told the farmers how the club women who canned money can be made in Georgia, Mr. S. H. Lee stressed the importance of their support to help the work thought to the best methods of modern building up and keeping the soil among the farmers and workers of the farm, Dr. Robinson told the farm the colored people of the county. The office staff of Negro work in the State, composed of Paro E. A. Williams, P. H. Stone and Miss Camilla Weems, was present and took part in the meeting.

The county Agent is very grateful to the public for the way they responded to making the meeting a success and he takes this means of expressing his appreciation to all the farmers barbecue and dinner. A bigger and better program is being launched for the year of 1925 and the Negro farmers and workers of Ware county have pledged themselves to stand hard by their agent this year help him to make Ware County a better place to live and far as the Negro Farmers are concerned.

together for the purpose of producing an upright, God-fearing citizens.

A very helpful health play and a moving picture show were some of the features. Barbecues were given on each day for the visiting people.

There were present many noted men and women from various parts of the state and from Alabama. Among those who gave very helpful and inspiring addresses and demonstrations, were: Dr. A. G. G. Richardson, state veterinarian, Athens; Miss Susan Mathews, state specialist on nutrition; Miss Lois P. Dowdle, state club agent for girls; Miss Rosa McGhee, district agent, Macon; Miss Margaret McDonald, home demonstration agent, Macon county; C. E. Martin, vice-president Citizens Bank, Fort Valley; Mrs. C. E. Martin, Fort Valley; Rev. J. T. Hall, Macon; Professor E. A. Williams, state agent for negro extension work in Georgia, Savannah; Mr. Cardoza, Nigeria in Africa; W. T. Anderson, T. R. Reid, grand chancellor, Knights of Pythias, Macon; S. A. Jones, grand secretary, Knights of pythia, Savannah; Mrs. S. A. Jones, home demonstration agent, Washington county, Mrs. Mayme Wesley, home demonstration agent, Bibb; S. H. Lee, county agent, Lamar county; T. W. Brown, county agent, Washington county; Professor H. H. Hunt, principal Fort Valley High and Industrial School, Fort Valley; Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Fort Valley; Miss L. C. Weems, district demonstration agent, Savannah, Ga.

The addresses and demonstrations given by the various speakers time and full of uplifting and encouraging words which made all who heard them desire to do better work.

## NEGRO FARMERS' CONFERENCE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Interesting And Instructive Program Is Held At Barbecue Given Colored Farmers At Barbecue Held Recently

In spite of the weather conditions and bad roads throughout the county the annual farmers meeting of the Colored Farmers and Workers of Ware County held recently was a big success. The meeting was not largely attended but the program was full and interesting and the farmers presentation gave the high points of success of their years work under the leadership of their County Agent, A. H. Hinesman.

In going over the program work for the year of 1924 the Agent showed that in despite of many handicaps the county program of work has been kept constantly before the farmers and sixty five persons of it has been completed. Among the white workers visiting this meeting and taking part in the program were: Dr. A. G. G.

Richardson, head of Veterinary work at the State College of Agriculture, Athens, Dr. R. J. Heyde and Miss E. Rexford Brinson county and Home Demonstration Agents of Ware County and Mr. Ralph Cavender, Superintendent of the County schools of Ware county. Each of these pledged their support to help the work among the farmers and workers of the colored people of the county. The office staff of Negro work in the State, composed of Paro E. A. Williams, P. H. Stone and Miss Camilla Weems, was present and took part in the meeting.

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## AIDING COLORED FARMERS.

From The Macon News:

A significant gathering was held in Sandersville last week when a number of representative white and colored citizens assembled to outline a farm program for the colored farmers of Washington county. The agent of their own and the occasion in question takes on an additional significance when we are told that Friday of this week is the second day of a ham show and school fair, staged by the colored people themselves to encourage the idea of living at home. What has been done already is brought into impressive relation with what can be accomplished hereafter.

The mere fact that a meeting like that of last week was held is in itself encouraging but in addition the speakers, who were all men of practical experience, had many words of wisdom to impart.

The chairman of the county commissioners, who is himself a success-

ful farmer, tried to impress upon the colored farmer the importance of thrift. He recited the fact that a negro tenant on his plantation a few years ago made a clear profit of \$1,800 in a single year. This sum was paid to the tenant in cash, and the enlightened and sympathetic landlord did what he could to persuade his tenant to put his profits in the bank so as to be prepared for the inevitable rainy day.

But in six months time the tenant had spent every dollar of his profits and was back at the farm looking for his old job.

The case may be in part exceptional, but it shows the real interest that the southern farmer takes in the colored farmers, whether the latter be landlord or tenant, and it shows what can be done by diligence and intelligence.

And it shows the wisdom of "Thrift, thrift, Horatio."

Another speaker made a point which might well cause white and black alike not to overlook the little things. The average farmer, white and black, has a sort of mania for burning off the broom straw every year. Leaving aside all consideration of danger of forest fires, the speaker said that broom straw contained more nitrogen per ton than a ton of stable manure.

All the speakers urged their colored friends to plant a home garden. If they would plant rye patches for their chickens, hogs and cows they would be "practically independent," said one speaker, who gave the further detail that mustard is one of the finest spring tonics known for man and beast.

We have no doubt that the meeting will have far reaching results and it would be a good idea if other counties in the state should imitate the example of old Washington

## 9TH. HOME CURED MEAT SHOW AND 21ST. DEMONSTRATION MASS MEETING

All plans for the 9th, annual home cured meat show and demonstration mass meeting to be held at the Fort Valley H. & I. school Fort Valley March 5th. and 6th, are being pushed and the prospects are that this show and meeting will far surpass all previous ones.

The 500 hickory smoked hams, 100 pure bred chickens, put on by the 18 community clubs of the country will make one of the greatest and most attractive and inspiring display of its kind ever witnessed.

Features of the meeting will be reports addressed and demonstrations by



presidents of community clubs, representatives, farmers, government experts educators, and bankers on "how I made money the past year," home, farm, school, and community improvement, insects, live stock, poultry, gardening and other important topics and subjects. This will make the meeting one of the most profitable valuable and inspiring one ever held. Dr. Geo. W. Carver Scientist and specialist pecan, potato, and of Tuskegee Institute and Mr. W. T. Anderson of Macon, Telegraph will address the farmers and citizens.

The free barbecue, 16 hogs and 40 hens, furnished by community clubs will feed the 500 farmers and visitors in attendance.

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## COLORED TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AND FARMERS' CONFERENCE.

The teachers' institute and conference of farmers, club women, girls and boys, held here on Feb. 11, 12 and 13, was one of the best in the history of Coweta county. The demonstrations given the teachers in history, geography, English, writing, spelling, reading and arithmetic were both interesting and instructive.

Dr. McWhorter's lecture on "Health and Hygiene" was excellent and beneficial to all. Miss Jennie Cates (white) took up where he left off, telling the danger of eating too much rice, and the parts of corn we should use to get the real good of it. She warned us also against the danger of eating too many sweets. One could sit and listen to such lectures all day. Miss Cates is also helping our home demonstration agent to secure means to put over Coweta's program. Others assisting are Mrs. Mattie Strickland, Mrs. E. R. Barrett, Mrs. B. C. Sanders, Mrs. J. H. Powell, Mrs. D. W. Boone, and Mrs. DeF. Hungerford.

The Herald was represented by Mr. O. W. Passavant, who gave a very interesting talk on the value of reading more farm literature. A very helpful milk demonstration was given, and a talk on "Home Management" by Mrs. M. E. Walker followed. The club women's and club girls' reports and talks by farmers were given. Club aprons and caps, of both adult and junior clubs, were on exhibition. The club women exhibited pound cakes and the girls biscuits, and prizes were given for the best exhibits. Arnold Club women won first prize on aprons and caps, and Sims Chapel Club was next. The girls' prize was a \$7.50 gold pin, given by Mr. H. S. Banta, the jeweler.

Rev. Mr. Baker, the Presbyterian minister, spoke to the teachers Thursday at 8 p. m. The contest between five schools represented was great. Ebenezer school won the prize.

The club women of Brown's Industrial, Moreland, won first prize for best cake. Mt. Zion, Sargent, was next best. All the cakes were good, and the club women and juniors deserve much credit.

Rev. H. H. Anderson, president of the farmers' conference, made a splendid talk on how to earn and save enough to run our farms without going heavily into debt. Willie Bohannon, one of Coweta's successful farmers, brought greetings from Tuskegee Institute, and urged colored farmers to get busy; that if they would attend these meetings they would be greatly benefited. Some farmers present reported good crops last year. Mr. DeF. Hungerford, County Agent, mapped out a program of work for 1925, and all said they would carry it out as far as they could.

Three counties were represented—Campbell, Heard and Coweta. This speaks well for Sarah Brown, our home demonstration agent. She's a worker; very few like her. Superintendent Starn was given a beautiful fountain pen and pencil by the teachers and friends.

Grantville Training School was represented by Prof. Moon, who exhibited canned tomatoes put up by the school last summer. They were standard 2 pound cans, and efforts will be made to sell them, the money to go to the school. All the clubs of the county will take up canning this year. Prof. Warner and his workers rendered much service to the meeting. The Newnan Community Club sold lunches to help furnish our rest room. We should all help, for it is for the benefit of the colored people of the county.

Corinth, Arnold, Sims Chapel, Ebenezer, St. John, St. Peter, New Macedonia, New Mt. Zion, Sargent, Brown Industrial and Newnan adult and junior clubs were represented. Forty-two communities, including schools, were present. Friday was a great day; between four and five hundred people came out. We can't begin to give the entire program. We want Coweta people to feel encouraged. There is a more hopeful spirit among the colored farmers and club women, and great things are expected this year.

W. Ballard, Sec'y.

## Show in Fort Valley

The ninth annual exhibition of home cured meats held Thursday and Friday, March 5-6 in connection with the twenty-first annual Farmers' conference at Fort Valley.

Mr. J. Phil Campbell and members of the staff of extension workers, Athens, Ga.; Prof. George W. Carver, T. M. Campbell and others from Tuskegee, together with a number of other prominent men and women are expected to be present and address the conference this year will be an exhibit of pure bred chickens by the farmers' wives.

Twenty-one years ago, H. A. Hunt,

principal of the Fort Valley High and Industrial school, called together the negroes of Houston county in a farmers' conference. From the very beginning emphasis was placed upon more intelligent methods of farming, saving carefully what was made, working faithfully and regularly and avoiding all habits and practices which tended to retard progress or bring trouble and disgrace.

During all these years negro farmers have been urged to raise sufficient food and feed-stuffs for their families and farm animals, with a surplus of these crops for sale along with cotton, their chieftain money crop. O. S. Oneal, United States farm demonstration agent for this county, has preached this doctrine year after year.

After inducing the farmer to raise enough hogs to supply his family with meat there was the problem of properly curing this meat, especially when the winters were mild.

In the solution of this problem Oneal conferred with Principal Hunt and it was decided to stage a "Home Cured Meat show," and call in experts from the United States department of agriculture to instruct the farmers in proper methods of butchering and curing.

The first of these exhibitions was held nine years ago and each year since that time an exhibition of home cured meats has been held.

Beginning with 361 hams, many of them far from being attractive in appearance, this "Home Cured Meat show" has grown until more than 1,000 high-class hams have been placed on exhibition which, after most thorough and painstaking examination, federal meat inspectors have pronounced many of the hams to be equal to the fancy cured meats of our best markets.

This work has received the encouragement of the bankers and business men of this section, who have given prizes for the best display of meats and other farm products.



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## NEGRO FARMERS CLOSE MEETING

More Than 160 Attended  
Sessions At Southern  
University

The tenth annual session of the Southern University farmers' conference, which has been in progress for the past two days at Southern University, closed yesterday, and more than 160 negro farmers and agents departed for their homes throughout the state.

The conference was of infinite value, states A. C. Lewis, of the department of education, and will probably result in much good

among the negroes throughout the state. The morning sessions were devoted to addresses on agricultural problems and the discussion of farm problems in the university auditorium, and practical demonstrations were given in the afternoon out in the fields. All visiting farmers were the guests of the university.

Prof. B. F. Hubert and Prof. T. M. Campbell of Tuskee institute, Alabama, one of the two large negro schools of the south, were special instructors for the conference, and gave a number of splendid talks, dealing principally with improving conditions of living on the farm to make it more attractive for the negro and with more business like and profitable farming methods, said Mr. Lewis.

Dr. W. R. Perkins, director of the extension department of Louisiana State University; Dr. W. E. Hinds, entomologist at the university; Harry D. Wilson, commissioner of agriculture; T. H. Harris, superintendent of public education; J. W. Bateman, of the state department of education and Mr. Lewis were among the local men prominent in agricultural and educational fields to address the conference.



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## MARYLAND FARMERS IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON. — Cardinal Gibbons Institute, Ridge, Md., was the meeting place, last week, of 150 colored farmers of Maryland, who gathered from a radius of 50 miles to discuss food production and distribution. The conference was led by an expert, H. M. Rice, of Maryland University, and H. W. Wathen, County Agent, of St. Mary's County. Home gardening, poultry raising and livestock improvement were among the kindred subjects discussed, while the female delegates were assisted in special demonstrations and otherwise took a lively interest in canning and general home economics. At the close of the meeting a vigorous appeal was made by Rev. John La Farge for a permanent organization of the Maryland colored farmers for the purpose of presenting a united front in behalf of valuable state and federal benefices, such as farm loans and the like.

## GIBBONS SCHOOL HOLDS FARMERS' ANNUAL CONFAB

One hundred and fifty colored farmers of both sexes attended the first Farmers' Conference at Gibbons Institute, some coming from a distance of sixty miles.

The meeting was led by Mr. Rice and Mr. Ballard from the University of Maryland, and Mr. Wathen, county agent for St. Mary's county.

Greater food production in Southern Maryland was the topic under discussion, centering on home gardening, poultry, emphasizing turkeys, and the improvement of livestock, especially hogs.

The speaking was informal, but comprehensive, and was interpolated by many pertinent questions

from those in attendance. Many of the questioners were women, who exhibited very keen interest in all the subjects discussed.

Mr. Ballard speaking on "The Growing Fruits and Vegetables," drew special attention to the cultivation of asparagus, a much-neglected crop which was worthy of cultivation as a money-maker, as well as for its value in the kitchen garden.

Mr. Daniel, principal of the school, asked for volunteers who would agree to start an asparagus bed during the coming spring as an experiment, and promised that the Institute would set aside an acre for such an experiment. Five farmers agreed to make a start. The proper raising of tomatoes for home use, for the early market and for the canneries was also discussed, and the high qualities of the tomato as a food rich in the vitamins especially essential to children were stressed.

Mr. Rice gave most valuable and practical information on the proper care of poultry, bringing out the fact that too much of poultry-raising and turkey raising in particular, was being done in Maryland. He emphasized the necessity for cleanliness, and for the moving of the poultry yard and thorough disinfecting of its buildings whenever disease of any kind is discovered among the fowl.

The important marketing of poultry, Mr. Rice said, is one of the chief causes of poor stock, easily susceptible to disease, the tendency being to sell the best stock and keep the inferior stock from which the poultry of the following season are produced.

Mr. Rice also stressed the fact that while hens were generally given special mash during the laying season, turkeys were as a rule neglected, and that a laying mash given to turkeys in the early spring would inevitably produce early birds, these birds having an easier season for early development, and a longer season for growth for the fall and winter markets than turkeys hatched later in the season. The use of the incubator for turkey

eggs was advised wherever possible, to increase production. The control of the range of turkeys by regular habits of feeding was advised.

In speaking of "The Care of Pigs," Mr. Wathen, the county agent, urged that the principles which applied to the improvement of livestock or of any special crop, be applied to every activity undertaken, saying that the only kind of products that would create a market and bring prosperity were those of first quality, whether tobacco, hogs or tomatoes. St. Mary's county soil, Mr. Wathen said, would produce as good crops as any part of any state, if properly cultivated and planted, and that livestock raising was a valuable asset to the farmer, as a means of improving his soil.

Mr. Lawrence Williams, the treasurer of the Institute, and a member of the Legislature from Southern Maryland, brought out the same points in discussing the creation of a market, and the overcoming of transportation difficulties.



## THE NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI

THE Governor of Mississippi journeyed to Utica to address a yearly session of the Negro Farmers' Conference. He spoke upon the problems facing the negro farmer of the state. He considered the conference of sufficient importance to deserve his personal attendance. He was right.

William Holtzclaw, president of the conference and founder of the Institute, spoke upon the farm problems, sketched the general conditions among the negro farmers, the progress made, the adoption of better methods, and made suggestions as to how to make farm life more attractive. He told of the betterment of relations between the two races and how these can be bettered. His address to negro leaders and farmers showed them how they could help themselves and by helping themselves demand and receive the help of the white people.

This speech, three full columns, was printed in the Jackson Daily News, the largest newspaper in the state. The editors considered it news, worth reprinting in full, concerning not only the negro farmers but the welfare of the state. They, too, were right.

We remark on the incident because it is an indication of progress in Mississippi, and because the same relations and methods would advance Louisiana. This conference, also discussed the migration of negro farmers from the state. It not only discussed it but it revealed what has been done to combat the migration and what can be done. The annual Utica conference is one of the forces that have checked the exodus in Mississippi. It has served the state.

When the Governor of a southern state attends such a conference, and the largest newspaper in that state prints the proceedings in full, it is an encouraging indication that the gravest problem facing the south is being seriously studied and will be solved.

NEGRO FARMERS TO  
ATTEND MEETING AT

## WASHINGTON FRIDAY

Negro farmers and others are taking a lively interest in the mass meeting of colored farmers to be held at Bryandale Mutual Aid Hall, Washington Friday evening at 8 o'clock, April 10.

It is to be held under the auspices of the Natchez Negro Business League, and the announcement says:

"This meeting is called in the interest of the farmers of this and adjoining counties. Matters of great interest will be discussed, going into detail of every problem confronting the farmers and affecting rural life."

The following speakers will appear program:

Prof. H. D. Ford, Agricultural Demonstration Agent of Jefferson County will discuss "The Problems of the Farm."

Prof. G. W. Brumfield, Principal of the city schools will speak on "Public Education."

"Why I remain on the Farm," by Green L. Sanders, successful farmer of Consuelo, La.

E. L. Hamilton, President of the Natchez Negro Business League will discuss the problems of "Landlord and Tenant and their relations to each other."

"Rural School Betterment," by Prof. S. H. C. Owen, President of Natchez College.

"Health Conservation as an Asset to Successful Farm Life" by Dr. A. W. Dumas.

All farmers are urged to be present at this meeting.

The call for the meeting is signed by E. L. Hamilton, president, and Dr. R. W. Harrison, secretary of the Natchez Negro Business League.

The county demonstration agent, the home economics agent, the Red Cross nurse, the manager of the Marketing Association and the secretary of the Natchez Chamber of Commerce also have been requested to address the meeting.

One thing to be emphasized at the meeting is better homes and better home conditions, and it is likely that a plan for painting whitewashing, and other home betterments will be launched at the meeting. The Natchez Negro Business League, it is understood, is working out a plan along this line and probably will submit at the Washington meeting.

## CULURED FARMERS SHOW INTEREST AT SIBLY CONFERENCE

Meeting Held Under Auspices of The Natchez Negro Business League to Better Conditions Is Great Success.

The second of a series of meetings being conducted under the auspices of the Natchez Negro Business League, was held at Mount Olive Baptist Church in the interest of farmers near Sibley last night under most favorable conditions. A very large and interested number of farmers with their wives and children were present at this meeting. The church was filled to overflowing and many of the farmers were compelled to stand outside to listen in from the windows. The meeting was called to order by E. L. Hamilton, president of the league. Prayer was offered by Dr. S. P. Washington, the president then introduced Dr. R. W. Harrison, secretary of the league, who in a few brief remarks stated the object and purpose of the meeting. Besides the regular participants on the program there were a number of distinguished white citizens who were present and made short but interesting addresses which were well received. The principal address was delivered by H. D. Ford of Churchhill, who is the colored agricultural demonstration agent for Jefferson County. His remarks on diversified farming were roundly applauded and evidently well received by the farmers. Others speakers on the program were Rev. G. J. Lewis on the subject "How May the Minister Assist the Farmer With His Problems." He stressed particularly unity of action and cooperation. Housing and sanitation by Dr. A. W. Dumas, who urged the farmers to improve the physical appearance of their homes as well as raise the moral standard.

Home Economics discussed by Adella Rucker Stewart, she laid particular stress on the importance of improved housekeeping, gardening and the raising of chickens. Prof. G. W. Brumfield spoke on rural school betterment his remarks were timely and well received.

Mr. I. J. Greer, agricultural demonstration agent for Adams county gave an interesting outline of his work in the county among the whites and told the colored farmers that he would be delighted to assist them at any time his services are required, that he was here to serve the colored as well as the whites.

A humorous and interesting talk was made by Chief Maurice Joo of the Bluff City Cannery. Mr. Joo expressed himself as being highly pleased over the evident interest manifested by the farmers in the meeting and urged them to put into practice the advice given them by the speakers. He also told them that the Bluff City Cannery, would be able to take care of all their surplus truck and that the highest cash price would be paid for these products.

Mr. Frank J. Duffy and Mr. K. Palmer Lanneau both represented the Rotary Club spoke encouragingly to the farmers and urged them to put in more time on the farms just as the banker and the business men do. They deplored the fact that too much time was lost between the crop seasons that it was necessary for the farmers to put in twelve months in the year on the farm in order to obtain the best results. They stated that the banks were ready to assist the farmers with their crops provided of course that suitable collateral was put up. That banking institutions are like individuals when making loans they expect to be paid back with a reasonable amount of profit.

Mr. Robert Millette representing the Exchange Club made a brief but interesting talk touching on many phases of farm life. He told the farmers that through diligence and perseverance that they could become as self-supporting and more independent than men in any other line of business. The addresses covered every phase of farm life and showed that the speakers not only understood the farmers problems but were heartily in sympathy with them in their struggles.

## ANNUAL NEGRO FARMERS CONFERENCE

The annual farmers' conference of the Utica Normal & Industrial Institute at Utica Institute, Mississippi, takes place February 11th and 12th. Trains from Jack-

son reach Utica Institute station at 5:10 and from Natchez 5:05. All are cordially invited to be present and to take part in the deliberations.

This is to be the best and most largely attended conference in the history of the organization. All guests will be entertained free of charge and the annual barbecue will be served on the day of the 11th. Guests should make it a point to reach

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## NEGRO LEADERS HOLD MEETING AT MERIDIAN

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 28.—

The National Rural Industrial association met in the 13th annual session in the court house, at this place, with a number of the leaders of the negro race in attendance.

President J. Williamson delivered a strong lecture, condemning the many wrongs of the race and urging co-operation and a closer relation between the two races.

Williamson said the major part of his people were in the 13 southern states, where the association is directing its work, that the salvation of the race is on the southern farms.

Prof. R. McCorkle, editor of Gazette of Mound Bayou, and others delivered strong speeches commending the work of the association.

The association went on record condemning the immoral and shiftless life of the negroes, condemning the lynch law, and asked that the white people meet and advise with the negroes from time to time.

The association issued a circular letter, showing the needs of the negro race and asked every person to give his moral and financial support to this work of helping the negroes and developing the rural communities.

The association has arranged to have lectures delivered quarterly at every industrial plant and community where negroes are in large numbers and scatter literature giving good advice to them.



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# NEGRO FARMERS' MEET

The negro farmers of Wayne county had their most successful semi-annual "Farmers' Conference" Saturday, March 7. The meeting was given over to the farmers, with a few exceptions.

"How To Own a Home" was most interestingly discussed by them. They decided that to own a home one must grow his home supplies thereby keeping up running expenses so that the money obtained from "money crops" might be banked until enough was accumulated to make the first payment on a home, and thereafter to meet the other payments.

Mr. Calvin Brock told how a year-round garden might replenish the table, the pocket book, and give health and happiness to the family. To prove that a garden could be grown the year round, he showed nine green vegetables which he has had growing all winter. Among these were celery, lettuce, spinach, and he named others which could be just as easily grown as those he was showing.

Mr. Ashley Smith told how the surplus of the garden might be sold to an advantage at a curb market, or to private homes.

Cards to join the "Home Garden Contest" were given to each family, so we are looking forward to wonderful year 'round gardens in Wayne for 1925-26.

The local agent of the Sampson Company, Mr. G. W. Herring told the conference "How To Make Hogs Pay." The largest hog, Mr. Herring had to kill last November, weighed 1,126 pounds. He says: "The secret in making hogs pay is good blood, good housing, balanced ration and thoughtful care. The farmers were so interested in Mr. Herring's address, I do not know when they over let him go."

The women were not left out of the meeting. Their husbands talked freely of the good things the family has had to eat from the pantry since their wives and daughters have joined the canning club; how there is always something on the table to eat besides meat and bread, and much added pleasure in their meal hour, and more money in their pockets.

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ence now old clothes could be made over for their first owner until too worn to be used, and then how these same old clothes could be made into new garments for the smaller members of the family. "A stitch in time saves nine," was stressed. Directions for carrying on the silk campaign for March 20, were given also.

Mrs. Estelle Smith will give a demonstration in hat making at the colored high school Saturday, March 14, at eleven o'clock. All who are interested are invited to attend.

—Home Agent.

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## Invite White Farmers to Attend Congress Colored Agriculturists on the 21st

White farmers and friends of agriculture are being invited to attend the negro farmers' congress at the A. and T. College, Greensboro, January 21 and 22. Most of the speakers will be white men from the Federal and State departments of agriculture and the State Experiment Station. Prof. C. R. Hudson, chairman of the executive committee, aided in preparing the program. Speakers will include J. A. Evans, from the department at Washington; T. C. Walker, Virginia lawyer and orator; Dr. J. A. Cotton, of Henderson Normal School; Prof. G. W. Carver of Tuskegee Institute, internationally famed negro scientist, and others. White farmers will be given a glad welcome, according to John D. Wray, secretary of the congress.

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### Big Corn Show and Livestock Judging Contest.

To the Editor of The Observer:

Two of the most outstanding features of the Negro Farmers' Congress are the Corn Show and Livestock Judging Contest. Negro farmers throughout the State and particularly the piedmont section will bring or send 10 ears of well selected corn for the corn exhibition. Premiums will be given in amounts from two dollars up to ten dollars in the Corn Show.

In addition to the above, there will be a real judging contest between the farmers themselves; some very nice premiums will be given away to those who win in the contest. This contest will be especially valuable because it will aid the farmer in making selections for other corn shows and fairs and, best of all, it will teach him the value of good seed corn and the importance of careful selection. This, of course, means larger yields at less cost and a greater profit. Our chief aim is to stimulate corn growing in the State.

The Livestock Judging Contest and seed identification contest are also exceedingly important. This feature of the work will be very largely for the students from the various agricultural High Schools of the State, known as Vocational Agriculture—but the farmers will get the full benefit of this because they will learn the difference between a poor cow and a good cow.

The seed identification contest will teach the farmers and students how to detect foreign or impure seed. This is one of the problems of the farmer, when he buys seed he can't tell whether they are good or bad. And he can not hope to grow the maximum yields until he learns how to get the best seed. We are hoping and believing that this is going to be one of the greatest meetings we have ever had.

All persons who expect to attend and want board and lodging at the college should notify John D. Wray, Secretary, A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., not later than January 17, 1925. President Dudley says the college cannot promise anyone accommodation who does not report by that time.

JOHN D. WRAY, Secretary Negro Farmers' Congress, A. & T. College.

Greensboro, January 6.

Boys—First prize, \$6; second prize \$5; third prize \$4; fourth prize \$3; fifth prize \$2; the next best ten exhibits, \$1 each. Sweepstakes—First prize, \$10; second prize \$5; third prize \$3. Let's all go from Alliance corner.

A corn show will be held in connection with this meeting for the exhibitors, that are eligible to exhibit. Any colored farmer or farm boy of this county is eligible to exhibit. The following prizes will be given: Men—First prize, \$6; second prize \$5; third prize \$4; fourth prize \$3; the next best ten exhibits, \$1 each. Boys—First prize, \$6; second prize \$5; third prize \$4; fourth prize \$3; fifth prize \$2; the next best ten exhibits, \$1 each. Sweepstakes—First prize, \$10; second prize \$5; third prize \$3. Let's all go from Alliance corner.

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Noted Negro Scientist  
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Later Addresses N. C. C. W. Students

(Special to The Journal)

Greensboro, Jan. 22.—Speaking to an overflow audience today at the North Carolina Negro farmers congress, held at the Negro Agricultural and Technical college here, Dr. George Carver, of the Tuskegee institute, Tuskegee, Ala., showed the amazing foods to be gotten from sweet potatoes and peanuts, evolved by him after years of experiment.

Negro school teachers from several part of the state were present for the session of the congress today, which was begun yesterday, and they greatly swelled the audience of farmers. School had been given a holiday for the event, and much of the discussion centered around the work of the negro school teacher and the work he does in aiding a progressive program of agriculture in the state.

In addition to several addresses and round table discussions, crop exhibits attracted the negro farmers, and there was a corn judging contest, prizes awarded totalled more than \$100. A varied program was conducted.

In addition to Dr. Carver, addresses were made by W. W. Shay in charge of swine work at State college; J. A. Cotton, of the Henderson Normal school; C. R. Hudson, Raleigh; A. C. Kinrey, of the state department of agriculture; B. S. Bullock, of the Agricultural and Technical college faculty; Dr. C. S. Brown of Winston-Salem; J. D. Wray, secretary of the congress; Ben Buck, Graham, L. E. Hall, Raleigh. All these talks were pertaining to practical, diversified agriculture, and were regarded as great stimulus to better farming on the part of negro farmers.

Dr. Carver's address was very practical, and an inspiration to negro farmers, showing what is possible in the lowly sweet potato and peanut, from which he has evolved many products. His discoveries have been startling in the world of science and his life an object lesson to negroes. Born a slave,

he was stolen with his mother, separated from her, then taken back to his home in Missouri. He studied agriculture at Iowa state college and was a member of the faculty of that institution a while. He went to the faculty of Tuskegee in 1896.

Tonight Dr. Carver addressed the students of the North Carolina College for Women, and some of the residents of the city. He told of his work with the lowly peanut and the potato. From the former he has gotten many products, including two kinds of milk, both said to be richer than cow's milk. From the sweet potato he has secured ink, dye, shoe polish, rubber, coffee, candy, vinegar and others, about 100 in number. They were on display in Bailey Memorial hall and were viewed by the audience after the address. They attracted a great deal of attention.

For his discoveries, Dr. Carver was made a member of the Royal Academy of Science in London.

## COLORED FARMERS MEET HERE TODAY

Well Known Speakers To Address Convention of Negro Farmers Betterment Body

C. R. Hudson, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, of the State Department of Home Economics, Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Wake County Welfare Officer, and other well known speakers will address the second convention of the Negro Farmers' Betterment Association of Wake County today at the Colored Masonic Hall at the corner of Blount and Cabarrus streets.

The organization was formed early in the fall in order that there might be some central body that could act as a clearing house for problems of farm life in the county. Those present at the first meeting agreed to organize community chapters in every vicinity which would bring the community's problems forward for consideration. Chapters were formed in some communities and in others were not. The meeting today is to urge more complete organization.

The meeting will be divided into two sessions. In the morning the association will hear the outside speakers and in the afternoon "there will be an executive session, at which time all shall join in to discuss the problems most important to us as a people."

Guyon Perry is president of the

association and J. H. Love, executive secretary.

## NEGRO FARMERS' CONGRESS ENDS

(Special Correspondence of The Asheville Citizen.)

GREENSBORO, Jan. 22.—The North Carolina Negro Farmers' Congress came to a close here today after sessions started Wednesday. More than 100 negro farmers were in attendance upon the meeting held in the Negro Agricultural and Technical College here. Sessions were presided over by T. S. Inborden.

Over \$200 was distributed in prizes. Exhibitions of the products of farms were numerous and came from several parts of the state.

The feature of the meeting was an address by Dr. G. W. Carver, noted negro scientist of Tuskegee, Ala., whose discoveries in connection with peanuts and potatoes have made him famous. The negro teachers in the rural sections were authorized to close their schools in order that as many persons as possible would be able to hear the address.

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Dr. Carver was born a slave and sold as one with his mother. He later was bought back and sent to Missouri. He is professor at Tuskegee Institute and a member of the Royal Society of Arts, London.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (Citizen.)

## JUN 8 - 1925 NEGRO FARMERS WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS

State College to Foster Convention of Colored Agriculturists.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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## FARMERS HOLD ANNUAL MEET AT RALEIGH

1,000 at Conference in North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 7.—Nearly 1,000 men and women of our group were in attendance at the semiannual meeting of the North Carolina Ne-

gro farmers' congress which was held at the St. Augustine school in Raleigh. In addition to talks and professional lectures, the meetings were featured by addresses by Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee institute.

The first session of the congress was held Wednesday night, July 28, with a short introductory meeting. Plans for the conference were outlined by L. H. Roberts, who has charge of all local arrangements. Mayor E. C. Culbreth extended a few words of greeting on behalf of the city of Raleigh and Rev. P. B. Peacock of Whiteville responded on behalf of the citizens attending. This was followed by a few short talks by those called on by the chairman.

The annual address of the president was delivered by T. S. Inborden last Thursday morning, when the congress was formally called into session. Director L. O. Schaub of the State college extension division delivered an address on "The Negro's part in North Carolina Agriculture," followed by Dr. Poe on "Successful Methods in Modern Farming." Simultaneous with this part of the program there was a special program for the women, with talks by home demonstration agents and demonstrations in canning and preserving fruits and vegetables.



Rocky Mount, N. C., Telegram

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# PLAN MEETINGS NEGRO FARMERS

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Farmers and their wives are urged to attend. Farmers from this county will leave in a body from Mebane at 6 o'clock on the morning of July 30th. A prize is being offered for the county that is best represented. See your neighbor and work up an automobile party in your community. Alamance must lead.

For further information see your farm agent, J. W. Jeffries. He is in the office at Graham, on Saturdays. Raleigh, N. C., News & Observer

## AUG 1 - 1925 NEGRO FARMERS CLOSE CONGRESS

Successful 3-Day Meet at St.  
Augustine School Here Is  
Finished

After a three-day session termed the most successful in its history and the most widely attended the North Carolina Negro Farmers' Congress came to a close last night at St. Augustine School here and five hundred delegates from twenty-five counties prepared to return to their homes. During their stay here they

had been treated with talks by many experts on the latest phases of modern farming and marketing.

The meeting yesterday was featured by a strong address by C. R. Hudson, State Agent, who spoke on the farm tenantry problem and offered a systematic plan of saving whereby tenants may come to own their own farms. He made a plea for fair play on the part of land-owners and characterized the system of tenant farming as one which does not make for the advancement either of the negro race as a group or the State or Nation as an entity.

Another talk which impressed the audience was made by R. J. Beverly, of Anson county, one of the most prosperous and successful negro farmers in the State. He emphasized the need of thrift and the necessity of owning land. The speaker told how he had used modern farming methods and saved his money until he was able to purchase a large farm for \$75,000 cash and equip it with \$25,000 worth of modern farming implements.

Co-operative marketing was presented by C. S. Mitchell, who spoke on the subject of getting better prices. He told the farmers that they must pull together and not work in competition with each other. He told the farmers how the negro was working away from the old shanty as a home and was gradually demanding better residences. Good health, good prices and good homes, go hand in hand, he told them.

Technical talks were made yesterday by L. E. Hall, who spoke on "Cheaper Hay on the Farm"; L. J. Kirby, who spoke on "Pastures and How to Make Them"; J. P. Kerr, who spoke on "How to Get More Poultry and Eggs on the Farm"; and "The Woman's Place in the Farm Home", by Mrs. A. W. Holland.

The meeting was closed last night with a talk on putting boys and girls through school by teaching them better methods of agriculture on the farm, by John D. Wray, State Club Agent for Negroes, and technical addresses by T. B. Patterson and L. E. Hall, of Hampton, Virginia. Dr. R. R. Moton, of Tuskegee, who had been scheduled to talk, was unable to attend.

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## NEGROES TO HOLD FARM CONFERENCE

Expect 1,000 Here For Two-  
Day Session Next Week;  
Prominent Speakers

One thousand negro men and women are expected at the semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Negro Farmers' Congress to be held at the St. Augustine School in Raleigh July 30 and 31 according to L. H. Roberts, local extension farm agent for the State College Extension Service. In addition to talks and professional lectures by specialists from the extension service, the meeting will be featured by addresses given by Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer and Dr. R. R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute.

The first session of the Congress will be held Wednesday night, July 29, with a short introductory meeting. Plans for the conference will then be outlined by L. H. Roberts, who has had charge of all local arrangements. Mayor E. E. Culbreth will extend a few words of greeting on behalf of the City of Raleigh, and Rev. P. B. Peacock, of Whiteville, will respond on behalf of the colored citizens attending. This will be followed by a few short talks by those called upon by the chairman. After this will be songs and announcements.

The annual address of the President will be delivered by T. S. Inborden, when the Congress is formally called into session Thursday morning at 9:45. Director I. O. Schaub of the State College extension division will deliver an address on "The Negro's Part in North Carolina Agriculture," followed by Dr. Poe on "Successful Methods in Modern Farming." Simultaneously with this part of the program, there will be a special program for the women, with talks by home demonstration agents and demonstrations in canning and preserving fruits and vegetables.

Thursday night will be given an agricultural pageant showing the development of agricultural practices since the time of the crude Indian farming of early colonial days.

The program Friday will be filled with addresses by various specialists featuring the live-at-home ideas being advanced in the State by the

local farm agents working with the Negro citizens. In addition to these specialists, F. P. Latham, of Belhaven, will tell the colored farmers how he grows pork successfully on his eastern Carolina farm. The program for the women will be largely about the garden and the poultry yard with some attention to better clothing and other problems now being worked upon in the State. Club work for Negroes will receive attention from John D. Wray of the A. & T. College at Greensboro. From outside of the State will come J. B. Pierce, field agent for the United States Department of Agriculture, Hampton Institute, Virginia, and Lizzie Jenkins, district agent for the State of Virginia.

Dr. Moton's talk will be given on Friday night and Agent Roberts is making a special effort to have as many Negro farmers as possible to attend this particular session. A few short talks, followed by solos, community singing and Negro spirituals will be given before Dr. Moton begins his address.

Local Agent Roberts is being assisted in holding the meeting by the faculty and authorities at St. Augustine School, Prof. C. R. Hudson, of State College and L. E. Hall, Negro district agent for the Agricultural Extension Service. It is expected that a special excursion will bring some 75 or 100 Negroes from Wayne county; Guilford and Alamance will send about an equal number and twenty cars will come in from Pasquotank county. There will be a number of field demonstrations and special study will be devoted to a demonstration garden at St. Augustine School.

Officers of the Congress are T. S. Inborden, president and John D. Wray, Secretary. Prof. C. R. Hudson is chairman of the Executive Committee.



**Negro Farmers Confer.**

Just a word about the annual meeting lately held by the negro farmers of Darlington county. They have learned that it takes forethought as well as manual labor to produce paying crops, and they are to be congratulated upon it.

Formerly all, or most, of the negro conferences in South Carolina were of a political nature. The negroes of the State have ultimately found out that there was nothing in such meetings except loss of time. They now attend meetings which benefit those who attend.

If the negro population of every county would pattern after the Darlington county negroes all the negroes and the State would be better off.



# FARMER'S CONFERENCE CLOSES

TILLERS OF THE SOIL  
GATHER AT LANE  
COLLEGE

PROMINENT SPEAKERS FROM  
THE SOUTH AND NORTH  
LEAVE ENCOURAGING RE-  
MARKS

Jackson, Tenn. (Special to The Nashville Globe)—Nearly every farmer in West Tennessee representing more than twenty-five counties attended the Farmers' Conference that closed here Friday night with a special address from Mr. Houston of Chicago, Illinois. The closing exercises were held in the St. Paul Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, the largest and most spacious church edifice among the colored people of this city. Distinguished church members, the business men and women increased the attendance at this Farmers' Conference on last Friday night to such a capacity that the church was not nearly sufficient to accommodate the crowd. 3-6-25

Throughout the day Friday the sessions were pregnant with pointed addresses from many workers. The Conference opened Friday morning with a spelling match conducted by Miss Davis, the rural school supervisor, who had put on this in the interest of the children. More than twenty schools were represented in the contest. These students displayed no stage fright but rather demonstrated the advantageous training they have been receiving in the Rosenwald Schools that dot Madison County in many places.

"Back to the Soil" was one of the themes throughout the day. "Diversified Farming" was one of the topics in the Conference these two busy days. The curtain when it fell on the 1925 session closed twenty-two years of activity in the interest of the tillers of the soil. Dr. J. F. Lane, President of Lane College, and the dominant figure in these meetings, delivered the closing address thanking the thousands who had attended and made possible the

work. His venerable father, the late Rev. Bishop Isaac Lane, who is celebrating his ninety-first anniversary took keen interest in every session. His splendid address "Look Up," was one of the best delivered throughout the sessions, all of which were held either in the administration building during the day or in the chapel during the evening. The speakers from Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee were heard at their stated periods by large audiences.

The United States Government Expert in farm demonstration as well as in poultry and stock raising lent much to the meetings, especially his report supported by the five or six boys whose work of the past year was submitted showing how they had been able to average a bale of cotton to each acre on soil that they declared would not produce a half bale an acre put the Conference to thinking and started the old experienced farmers to working and created that determination on the part of West Tennessee's Farmers' Conference to even make better reports and do better work for the ensuing year.



# Virginia Colored Farmers Building A New Civilization Through New Values Established In Profession of Service

## 20,000 Farm Families Represented by 263 Delegates At The Annual Farmers' Conference Held At Hampton Institute

By WM. ANTHONY AERY

Hampton, Va.,—Some 20,000 Negro farm families of Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland were represented by the 263 delegates who recently attended the two-day annual Hampton Institute Farmers' Conference. Last year there were 164 delegates.

Virginia sent to the 1925 Conference fourteen delegates from county advisory boards: 58 from community clubs; and six from home-demonstration clubs. Virginia was also represented by 29 county farm-and-home demonstration agents and three district farm and home agents.

North Carolina sent eight county farm agents and one district farm agent. C. R. Hudson, Raleigh, N. C., State agent U. S. Extension Service, attended the conference and gave helpful advice.

The white officials from the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Blacksburg, known as the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, included W. P. Moore, assistant State director, Extension Service; Gordon A. Elcan, assistant State club agent; and Mrs. M. M. Davis, State agent, Co-operative Extension Work in Home Economics.

From the Washington office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture there came Miss Edith Allen, specialist in agricultural education; Miss Jessie M. Hoover, specialists in milk utilization; and Miss Ola Powell, field agent, Southern division of extensive work.

Others speakers included Dr. James Hardy Dillard, Charlottesville, Va., president of the Jeanes and Slater Boards; T. C. Johnson, Norfolk, Va., director, Truck Crop Experiment Station; the Rev. Dr. Pezavia O'Connell, Baltimore, Md., professor of history in Morgan College; Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Raleigh, N. C., dean of the Graduate College, North Carolina State College.

The 1925 conference was organized for rural-welfare around the idea of the economic independence of the farmer. "Raise food for the family food for the

stock" was its slogan. Donald E. Fenn, acting director of the Hampton Institute School of Agricultural, welcomed the visitors.

### Promise of Better Days

Dr. Dillard declared that every man who tills the soil ought to own the soil he tills. "The finest and most independent human being," he said, "is the small farmer who tills his own acres."

Dr. J. E. Gregg, principal of Hampton Institute, said: The farmer should stand for something different from the business man. He should never sink his service into mere ambition to make money. He should belong to the profession of service. He should be ready to produce, not for mere personal gain, but to help his fellow-men. Hampton Institute was founded for the ideal of unselfish service. Farmers, teachers, and ministers are fellow-workers for humanity.

Dr. Taylor, who spoke on "Spiritual Forces in Rural Life," declared that spiritual forces included those forces which give purpose, aim, and value to life and also give zest and enthusiasm to life and work. "Rural life," he said, "tends to have spiritual or life values emphasized and established, not as a substitute for monetary or material values, but in addition to values of this type. You can count on soil and the climate. Even the seasons and the crops are not as fickle as human contacts and systems. We must learn to trust nature, use it, and co-operate with it. Violation or willful exploitation of nature, soil for instance, is a sin. Those who will nurture the soil receive its gifts with abundance."

John B. Pierce, field agent, Negro extension work, Virginia, in his opening address declared that every year those who are responsible for organizing the Hampton Institute Farmer's Conference try to keep before the members a definite goal.

"We have striven," he said, "to have in every county in which we have farm-and-home-demonstration agents what we call a county advisory board which represents the whole community. In every

community in which our people ought to be grouped together we try to have a community club. The advisory board is made up of people from community clubs. We are hoping to have a county organization made up from the boys' and girls' clubs. Every year to hold a short course for boys and girls at Hampton Institute with a view to helping them establish good farms and good homes."

The Virginia district agents delegates who reported on the growing of alfalfa, the increased number of pure-bred cock-erels, improved methods of hog-raising, the co-operation of teachers and farmers, the raising of food supplies for home consumption, the buying of homes, the organization of new clubs for boys and girls, the terracing of land, the building of soil, the organization of junior demonstrations, improved methods of poultry keeping, improvement of orchards, and home-improvement demonstrations. The women delegates reported on the giving of entertainments to raise money for school improvements, the building of open-front poultry houses, introduction of labor-saving devices in the home, the organization of clubs for girls and women, the building of sanitary toilets and the improvement of home water supplies.

### Helping Farm Men And Women

Mrs. M. M. Davis, in her address on "Self-support through Home-demonstration Work in Virginia," discussed the case of one woman who in a single year had had to walk 221 miles for a meager water supply and during that time had had to carry over 54,750 pounds of water. When these facts were brought to the attention of her husband he put in a home water-supply system at a cost of \$30.

Miss Hoover, in her address on "Milk



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